(3) under what section is power taken to issue such a circular;

(4) will the Government be pleased to rescind the circular which does not seem to be supported by any provision of law?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) No.

(2), (3) and (4). No answer is called for in view of the answer to part (1).

The amalgamation of the Registration and the Anchal Departments.

146. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്.—റജിസ്ട്രേഷൻഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമേണ്ടും അഞ്ചൽഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമേണ്ടും കൂടി ഘടിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. വെങ്കുഅയ്യർ.—ഈ സംഗതി ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്റെ ആലോചനയിൽ വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

The establishment of a Panchayat for Cranganur.

147. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്.—കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർതാലൂക്കിൽ പഞ്ചായത്തു് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് വല്ലതും പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ? കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ ഇന്നകാലംമുതൽ പഞ്ചായത്തു് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുമെന്നു് ഖണ്ഡിതമായി പറയുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് കനിയുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. വെങ്കുഅയ്യർ.—ഉവ്വു്. കാലം ഖണ്ഡിതമായി പറയുവാൻ സാദ്ധ്യമല്ല.

148. **Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend introducing Village Panchayats in the Cranganur Taluk at an early date?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The matter is under consideration.

Committees and their work.

149. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the exact work done thus far by the several Committees appointed since the opening of the Legislative Council with the expenditure incurred on each of these with details?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

The Excise Committee.

150. **Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur** .—Will the Government be pleased to state .—

(a) when the Excise Committee was formed by the Government;

(b) how many times the Committee has met and when;

(c) what, if any, was the business transacted at each meeting of the Committee;

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(d) the T. A. drawn by the members of the Committee up to date;

(e) in how many years' time the Committee is likely to finish its appointed work?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) 8th March 1926.

(b), (c) & (d). The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 149.

(e) The Government are unable to say anything about the matter now.

The transfer of Registrars.

151. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any order implied or explicit to the effect that Registrars should be transferred every 3 years; and

(b) if so, what is the intention thereof?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) The intention is that no Registrar should be in the same station for an indefinitely long period.

The constitution of the Government of Cochin.

152. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to define what is meant by "the Government of Cochin", and say who all constitute it, and whether the Legislative Council does not form a part of it?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer to question 214 of the last budget session. As to the latter part, please see Regulation VIII of 1098, the Legislative Council Regulation.

The Dpartmental Administration Reports for 1100.

153. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state that *the Administration Reports* of all the departments for 1100 are not yet ready, and if they are ready, why copies of all of them have not yet been supplied to the non-official members of the Legislative Council, and whether arrangements will soon be made to supply them to the Members?

Mr A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—*The Administration Reports* of all the departments for 1100 were got ready as usual, and copies of such Reports as were printed were supplied to the non-official Members of the Legislative Council.

The increase of pay of subordinate officers.

154. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention that, following the assurance given at the last session of the Legislative Council, the Government have passed orders giving any extra allowance or an increase of pay to th:

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